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For: INFORMATION RECORDING AND

REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND A METHOD OF CONTROLLING AN INFORMATION RECORDING AND

REPRODUCING APPARATUS

## FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MS PCT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

## **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 18 of this paper.